CORVETTE C7 Rear Bumper Removal

DISCLAIMER: These instructions are not from the manufacture OEM repair manual and therefore extreme caution must be exercise when performing these procedures. The creators of this document accept no responsibility if damage occurs.

Recommended Tools:

Plastic (Trim) Pry Tools

Ratchet / Socket Set (10mm & 7mm socket / 6" extension / torx bit set - T15)

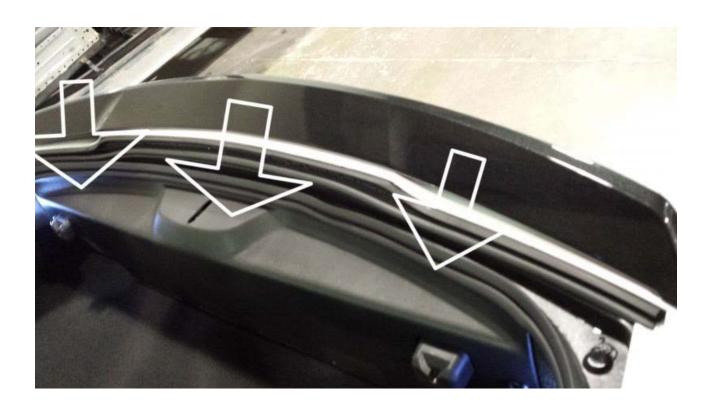


Blanket / Soft Surface to rest rear fascia once removed.

Two people highly recommended for handling of rear bumper during physical removal process.

STEP 1

Loosening the interior trim panel by pulling towards the front of the vehicle. Complete removal is not necessary. Loosen it to reveal the cable that attaches to trunk latch. Once you locate this, you must remove it from the latch.



Remove the rubber gasket trim piece that covers the Torx screws that you need to remove. This is done by grabbing it and giving it a "wiggle". You should be able to remove the entire trim piece by doing so. If it does not wiggle out, a flat head screw driver will help by depressing the tabs to they come out easier. Once this trim piece is removed, you will see the T15 screws that need to be removed.



Step 3

Remove your rear license plate. You will reveal two 10mm bolts. Remove these.



Remove 10mm bolts located just above the exhaust tip. Recommended use of 6-inch extension for these.



Step 5

Located at bottom of the bumper there will be a total of (10) 7mm bolts that need to be removed. 5 on the left and 5 on the right



Remove the mud flaps; these are just snapped into the bumper. Recommended to use a plastic pry tool to get started; once started you can pull the rest by hand. After the mud flap is removed, it will reveal two T15 Torx screws. Remove these as well.



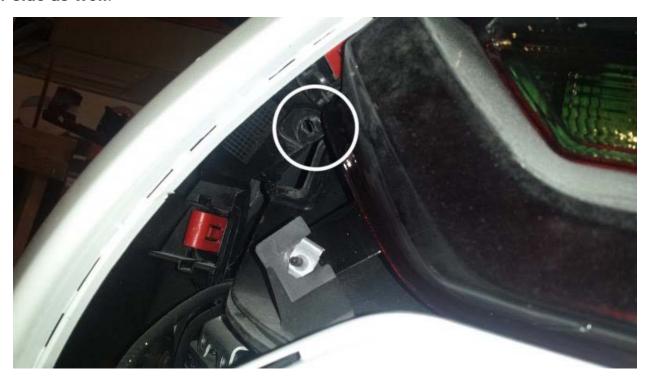
Step 7
Removal Of mud flaps will reveal two T15 Torx screws. Remove these as well.



Exercise Caution! Use hook end driver and hook the tool in the mesh part of the bezel around your taillights. Pulling back, the corner will release. Once the corner is released you will be able to persuade the rest of the bezel out. Repeat step for the other side.



Step 9
With bezel out, you will reveal a T15 Torx screw. Remove that screw. Repeat this for the other side as well.



Exercise Caution and Care!!! Read this paragraph entirely before proceeding.

With bolts now removed, with the help of another person pull rear fascia straight back. NOTE: one person in each side of fascia. Expect crackling noises, this is normal with composites. Once you pull back, you will need to fish the rest of the cable out that was connected to your trunk latch. Additionally, there are two electrical connectors that also require be disconnected.